Barnabas

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INTRODUCTION

- There was a man in the Bible by the name of Barnabas who was dubbed the title son of encouragement.
- Barnabas was not his given name. His name was Joseph. And that word Joseph means may God help.
- And we need to be the type of people that encourage one another.

1 Barnabas Was an Encourager With His Generosity

Acts 4:36–37

- And Joseph, who is also named Barnabas by the Apostles, which is translated son of encouragement, a Levite of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- This book, chapter, and verse is just showing what kind of guy he is. That's just his nature. He's generous.
- We need to be the type of people that when we are generous, we're a cheerful giver, not begrudgingly.
- When you're giving to the Lord, you're giving to the cause of Christ in such a way that helps the most noble calling ever.
- You can give what you're able to give. God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Barnabas Encouraged All Growing Saints

Acts 9:26–31; Acts 11:22–26; 1 Corinthians 1

- When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they're all afraid of him. They didn't believe he was a disciple.
- But Barnabas, that's the man, he took him and brought him to the apostles, and he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road.
- Barnabas saw ability in others that not everyone in the whole group observed easily.
- We need to be the type of people today that when we recognize an ability in someone, we encourage them to develop that ability.
- When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.
- Let's be this type of individuals that work together and encourage one another in the most holy faith.

3 An Encourager in Seeking the Lost

- The Holy Spirit said, Set apart from me, Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.
- We must recognize that we must encourage the lost to become saved.
- The preeminent, most important focus of our life must be the delivering and giving of the gospel message to lost souls so that the kingdom grows.

- Everything else, peripheral, that's the main thing.

4 Barnabas Encouraged Those Grappling With Challenges

Acts 15:36–41; Mark 16:15

- Barnabas and Paul dealt with this challenge and found a way to solve the challenge.
- And Barnabas says, He can still go. He's not a bad guy. We have faith in John Mark. He's a good Christian.
- And so there arose amid them a sharp disagreement, so they separated from each other.
- Barnabas saw a lot of value in John Mark and took him and went on a missionary journey.
- Certainly he wasn't a bad person or lacking in faith. He wrote the Great Commission, inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Let's all be like Barnabas and be strengtheners to those who have fallen away or who are drifting.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're like Barnabas and know with immense assurance that your zeal and faith is there for others, use that to encourage others.**

MY NOTES